

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 19, 2013

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, June 19, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Tyler Moore, Vice President Paul Wyman and Member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order and conducted by President Tyler Moore. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-BCCO-12:

As part of the re-precincting project for Howard County, Clerk Kim Wilson distributed packets to the Board of Commissioners containing copies of the Ordinance for both annexations together with maps of each new precinct. The forms IEC8 have not been included in the packets, but Ms. Wilson brought them to the meeting for the Commissioners' review. Those forms will be sent to the State and include the name of the precinct, the number of active and inactive voters, that voting is done on Optical Scan, and the location of the polling place for the precinct reflected on the form. Also included is the reason for any change to that precinct. All the precincts contained at least one change, except Jackson, Monroe, and Union precincts. County Precincts are differentiated by letter and City Precincts are by number. Once the State approves this Ordinance, the Clerk and Voters Registration offices will need to re-draw the County Council districts now that the two annexations are completed. While working on this project, it was noted that the numbers supplied by 39 Degrees and the numbers supplied by the State Voter Registration System (SVRS) do not match. That will be rectified before sending to the State.

Attorney Larry Murrell informed the Commissioners that the process for these changes include collecting and changing precincts and adopting a provisional Ordinance; sending the provisional ordinance to the State for their review and any suggested changes; correcting the changes as needed; conducting a public hearing; and final adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

For public record, both the Democrat and Republican parties, through the Voters Registration representatives Susan Kennedy (D) and Carol Shallenberger (R), have done a tremendous amount of work for this project and are in agreement to the precinct changes.

Attorney Larry Murrell submitted a copy of Ordinance No. 2013-BCCO-12, an ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners adopting a proposed Precinct Establishment Order, and reviewed the wording of the Ordinance with the Board of Commissioners. #2 of the Order states "These precincts shall wholly replace all precincts presently established and existing in Howard County". Mr. Murrell was advised that there are three precincts that were not changed. Mr. Murrell will add, "...except Jackson, Monroe and Union Townships..." to #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Wyman to approve Ordinance No. 2013-BCCO-12, an ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners adopting a proposed Precinct Establishment Order for Howard County, duly noting the amendments made to paragraph #2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Board at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. on a motion
made by Mr. Wyman and seconded by Mr. Bray.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

TYLER O. MOORE, PRESIDENT

PAUL G. WYMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

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